

Compost Workshop Brainstorm Session February 26, 2009

Topic/Idea	Description	Action
Sediment Control	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers
Water Conservation	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers
Stormwater Management	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers
Soil Health	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers
Chemical use is reduced, Chemicals in water reduced	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers Work with Integrated Pest Management groups.
Water Quality Protection	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers
Waste Diversion	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers
Bioremediation	Benefit of using compost	Promote this fact to city landscapers
Accessibility of compost	- Inconsistent among cities - Localized limit transport	Develop group purchasing agreements. Provide information on purchasing
Legislation –AB 32, mandate use of permitted facilities	Compost use can help meet AB32 requirements by keeping organics out of landfills.	Promote this fact. Determine relation of carbon management and compost use.
Purchasing policy/ practices	Developing municipal purchasing policy and practices for compost will help streamline use of compost.	Determine what information municipalities need to create policy, create policy-creation tool kit and distribute tool kit.
Education - Professional - Specifier	Education about the benefits of using compost needs to be targeted to specific audiences.	Define audiences and create communication plan.
Demonstration	Share demos with city engineers and other users.	Identify city engineers. Customize demos for them.
Permitted Facilities	NIMBYism in regards to compost production	Work with compost producing industry to promote sites as good neighbors, good for the region.

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LEED	Needs a re-definition (obsolete practice) i.e. silt fence LEED points	Contact regional green building experts.
Regulate products for all, not just cities. Naming convention	Need standardized compost products and product names in order to help increase compost use. Purchasers need to know what they are getting.	Continue holding stakeholder workshops and team with USCC to determine best standards.
End User Groups Identify them (local level needs to help) and bring them to the table	Need to know who end users are and hear their thoughts about compost use- why they use it, or don't, if they know the benefits, etc.	Compile lists of users, create matrix with information on each audience for communication plan
Public Works/ Parks Recreation	Key stakeholder, potential user of compost	Promote benefits of compost use to this group. Hold workshop specifically for Public Works/ Parks and Recreation personnel.
Case studies Municipalities	Use case studies to show municipalities degree to which compost can help landscaping efforts.	Create case studies and publish as part of organics toolbox.
Mutual Aid Purchasing	Municipalities (or a county) can purchase compost in bulk, thus allowing smaller entities to benefit from bulk purchase discount.	Coordinate efforts between local municipalities.
Cost Analysis Compare to current specs. Relate to climate change	Compare cost of using compost to cost of typical current method of operation. Relate compost use to climate change to show GHG reduction associated with compost use.	Request information on costs from municipalities.
Mutual Aid with buffer ag Water, compost	Compost can help maintain the existence of and protect the health of regional agricultural buffer lands.	
Polylactic Acids Plastics in compost?	What issues result from plastics in the compost – how can we resolve?	Literature review? Who should take the lead on this USCC?

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Fate transport of salts	Research topic?	Research Team?
Salts in RY water	Does recycled water use increase salt levels in compost or soils?	Research Team?
Define Salts -Regulation/ mandates?	Need to make sure salts in compost are defined. Maybe create regulations or mandates	Research Team?
Specs to City level -How?	Create compost use specifications specifically for cities.	Follow up with workshop attendees. Post proceedings online – toolbox Continue holding stakeholder workshops.